

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
OLDER ADULT SYSTEM OF CARE**



TRANSFER OPPORTUNITY – DMH Employees Only
PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER I/II

The West Los Angeles Service Area 5 Administration is seeking interested candidates to provide general navigation and short term clinical services to adult and older adult clients.

ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:

- Provide support, field outreach, engagement, case management, referral and linkage to community resources with at-risk and/or homeless individuals, older adults and veterans.
- Provide initial assessments of mental health and substance abuse disorders for individuals seeking treatment subsequent to outreach and engagement, including psychosocial, medical and mental health treatment histories and current symptoms.
- Work with clients and the multi-disciplinary SB 82 team to establish goals and treatment plans to resolve or cope with identified mental health and substance abuse problems.
- Provide short-term mental health interventions, as needed, utilizing evidence-based practices and a multi-disciplinary treatment team approach.
- Interview clients, their families and/or representatives to obtain financial and other eligibility data; assist clients in preparing, completing, and processing applications for Medi-Cal or other healthcare programs.
- Actively participate at multi-disciplinary treatment team meetings.
- Assist and support SA 5 Navigation and the coordination of Adult FSP Impact Unit.
- Partner with SA 5 Navigators providing support and clinical consultation regarding Adult and Older mental health referrals (to Full Service Partnership (FSP), Field-Capable Clinical Services (FCCS), Wellness Centers, etc.) including review of eligibility criteria and disposition of referrals.
- Provide consultation, guidance and support to family members of existing or potential clients, as well as community partners regarding adult and older adult clients.
- Support, provide coverage or assist in the maintenance of Service Area 5 referral data tracking.
- Conduct Hospital Liaison Outreach to potential adult and older adult clients (and/or their families) including weekly visits to local hospital psychiatric inpatient unit(s).
- Attend DMH Department, Provider and/or Community meetings as assigned.
- Complete special assignments as part of Service Area 5 Administration team, as needed.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

- Strong knowledge of adult and older adult mental health issues and resources.
- Familiarity with accessing, leveraging and coordinating community resources.
- Knowledge of various funding sources, benefits or entitlement programs (e.g., Medi-Cal; MHSA, Veterans Affairs, SSI, HwLA).
- Familiarity or experience working with state/county entities, such as, Probation, court system and Jail Linkage.
- Strong multi-tasking and organizational skills.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- Strong computer skills including ability to utilize Microsoft Excel and various online tracking systems.
- Ability and desire to work in positive and effective team environment.

Interested applicants who are currently holding the payroll title of PSWI/II may submit their resume, last two (2) performance evaluations and last two (2) years of master time cards by **5:00 PM on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 to:**

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